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RE: Zoning Interpretation:
Sec. 8-3066 - Visual buffers and screening

Mr. Plumbley,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of my interpretation regarding the application of Sec. 8-3066 to properties abutting lanes. The stated purpose of the vegetative buffer is as follows: *In general, the purpose of a vegetative buffer is to achieve a degree of opacity that prevents clear recognition of the use being buffered.* The existence of a lane between incompatible land uses shall not exempt the more intense land use from *preventing clear recognition of the use.* Thus, the phrases *adjoined by* or *adjoins other properties* in Sec. 8-3066 (d) shall apply to properties across lanes.

If you have any further questions, please contact me at 912.651.6530 x1848.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Geoff Goins". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first and last names being clearly distinguishable.

Geoff Goins
Zoning Administrator
City of Savannah

Cc: Peter Shonka, Assistant City Manager Utilities, Development and Construction Services
Julie Mclean, Development Services Director, City Engineer